

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION DETERMINING THAT THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR THE RECREATION
AND PARK SERVICES FOR CASITAS MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW, INCLUDING
STATEMENTS OF DETERMINATION FOR THE
RECREATION AND PARK SERVICES PROVIDED BY
CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code §56000 et seq.) requires each Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to conduct municipal service reviews prior to or in conjunction with Sphere of Influence studies and updates; and

WHEREAS, LAFCOs are also required to review and update, as necessary, the Sphere of Influence for all agencies not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO has approved and periodically updated a three-phase work plan to conduct municipal service reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates and the municipal service review of the recreation and park services provided by Casitas Municipal Water District is a part of phase 2 of this work plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO entered into a professional services agreement with Joyce Crosthwaite to conduct municipal service reviews for all special districts included in phase 2 of the work plan; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Crosthwaite, in conjunction with the Ventura LAFCO staff and the staff of Casitas Municipal Water District, has prepared a report titled "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" that includes the recreation and park services provided by Casitas Municipal Water District; and

WHEREAS, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report contains draft statements of determinations as required by California Government Code §56430 for the recreation and park services provided by Casitas Municipal Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer gave notice of a public hearing by the Commission to consider the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the statements of determinations necessary to comply with California Government Code §56430 for the recreation and park services provided by Casitas Municipal Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer has recommended that the municipal service review of the recreation and park services provided by Casitas

Municipal Water District be determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the municipal service review of the recreation and park services provided by Casitas Municipal Water District and the related recommended statements of determination were duly considered on March 16, 2005, as specified in the notice of hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the recommended exemption from CEQA, the municipal service review and the written determinations for the recreation and park services provided by Casitas Municipal Water District including, but not limited to, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the Executive Officer's report and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

- (1) The service review of the recreation and park services provided by Casitas Municipal Water District as contained in the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report, together with the related statements of determination, are determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (2) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as the lead agency under Section 15062.
- (3) The Commission accepts the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report as presented to the Commission on March 16, 2005. The Executive Officer is authorized to make minor corrections and additions to this report for accuracy and completeness.
- (4) The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendation for approval of the municipal service review of the recreation and park services provided by Casitas Municipal Water District, dated March 16, 2005, are hereby adopted.
- (5) Pursuant to California Government Code §56430 the following statements of determination are hereby adopted for the recreation and park services provided by Casitas Municipal Water District:
 - **Infrastructure needs or deficiencies**
 1. The Casitas Municipal Water District assesses its current and future infrastructure needs and deficiencies for its recreational services through its budget and annual Capital Improvement Program process.

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- **Growth and population projections for the affected area**
 1. Population projections for the recreation and park services provided by the Casitas Municipal Water District are not relevant; the District bases the need for services on usage of current facilities.
- **Financing constraints and opportunities**
 1. The Casitas Municipal Water District prepares a comprehensive annual budget.
- **Cost avoidance opportunities**
 1. The Casitas Municipal Water District noted that it ensures that its recreational programs are self-supporting.
- **Opportunities for rate restructuring**
 1. The rates and fees of the Casitas Municipal Water District are set through a public process.
- **Opportunities for shared facilities**
 1. None were noted and no information was provided by the agency.
- **Government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of the consolidation or reorganization of service providers**
 1. None were noted; no information was provided by the agency.
- **Evaluation of management efficiencies**
 1. The Casitas Municipal Water District noted that since 1989 it has decreased staff by 30%.
 2. The District has adequate reserves for its recreation and park services.
 3. The District is achieving management efficiencies related to recreation services through the Recreation Committee that oversees operations, capital expenditures and revenue, and provides recommendations to the Board.
- **Local accountability and governance**
 1. The Board members of the Casitas Municipal Water District are elected.
 2. The District holds regularly scheduled meetings and has a website where information related to Lake Casitas recreational facilities is posted.
 3. The District is locally accountable through adherence to applicable government code sections, open and accessible meetings, and dissemination of information.

This resolution was adopted on March 16, 2005.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

Date

Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission

Copies:

Casitas Municipal Water District
Ventura County Auditor-Controller
Ventura County Chief Executive Officer
Ventura County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION DETERMINING THAT THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR CONEJO
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT IS EXEMPT FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND
APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW,
INCLUDING STATEMENTS OF DETERMINATION FOR
CONEJO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code §56000 et seq.) requires each Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to conduct municipal service reviews prior to or in conjunction with Sphere of Influence studies and updates; and

WHEREAS, LAFCOs are also required to review and update, as necessary, the Sphere of Influence for all agencies not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO has approved and periodically updated a three-phase work plan to conduct municipal service reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates and the municipal service review of the Conejo Recreation and Park District is a part of phase 2 of this work plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO entered into a professional services agreement with Joyce Crosthwaite to conduct municipal service reviews for all special districts included in phase 2 of the work plan; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Crosthwaite, in conjunction with the Ventura LAFCO staff and the staff of the Conejo Recreation and Park District, has prepared a report titled "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" that includes the Conejo Recreation and park District; and

WHEREAS, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report contains draft statements of determinations as required by California Government Code §56430 for the Conejo Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer gave notice of a public hearing by the Commission to consider the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the statements of determinations necessary to comply with California Government Code §56430 for the Conejo Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer has recommended that the municipal service review of the Conejo Recreation and Park District be determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the municipal service review of the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the related recommended statements of determination were duly considered on March 16, 2005, as specified in the notice of hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the recommended exemption from CEQA, the municipal service review and the written determinations for the Conejo Recreation and Park District including, but not limited to, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the Executive Officer's report and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

- (1) The service review of the Conejo Recreation and Park District as contained in the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report, together with the related statements of determination, are determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (2) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as the lead agency under Section 15062.
- (3) The Commission accepts the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report as presented to the Commission on March 16, 2005. The Executive Officer is authorized to make minor corrections and additions to this report for accuracy and completeness.
- (4) The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendation for approval of the municipal service review of the Conejo Recreation and Park District, dated March 16, 2005, are hereby adopted.
- (5) Pursuant to California Government Code §56430 the following statements of determination are hereby adopted for the Conejo Recreation and Park District:
 - **Infrastructure needs or deficiencies**
 1. The Conejo Recreation and Park District assesses its current and future infrastructure needs and deficiencies for its recreational services through its Master Plan (adopted in 1992), budget and annual Capital Improvement Program process.
 - **Growth and population projections for the affected area**
 1. The Conejo Recreation and Park District relies on the population projections of the City of Thousand Oaks and other regional agencies. The City projects an ultimate population of 143,000; current population is approximately 121,000.

- **Financing constraints and opportunities**
 1. The Conejo Recreation and Park District prepares a comprehensive annual budget. The District's revenue sources are primarily comprised of property taxes, special assessments as allowed by Proposition 218, fees and grants.
 2. The impact of a reduction in property taxes will affect the agency and could result in a reduction of services; however, reserves are adequate and the agency could request additional assessments from residents.
- **Cost avoidance opportunities**
 1. The Conejo Recreation and Park District has an extensive set of agreements with other public and private agencies to ensure the maximum use of facilities and to avoid costs.
- **Opportunities for rate restructuring**
 1. The rates and fees of the Conejo Recreation and Park District are set through a public process; residents have approved special assessments for the purposes of providing higher levels of park and recreational services.
- **Opportunities for shared facilities**
 1. The Conejo Recreation and Park District has an extensive set of agreements with other public and private agencies to ensure the maximum use of facilities and public property.
- **Government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of the consolidation or reorganization of service providers**
 1. The Conejo Recreation and Park District has considered reorganizations with other Recreation and Park Districts as well as with the City of Thousand Oaks. The benefits from the reorganizations were not considered to outweigh the costs and no reorganizations were initiated.
- **Evaluation of management efficiencies**
 1. The Conejo Recreation and Park District has a variety of mechanisms, agreements and joint uses to ensure maximum management efficiency.
- **Local accountability and governance**
 1. The Board members of the Conejo Recreation and Park District are elected and hold regularly scheduled meetings. The District has a website and posts copies of their budget and other appropriate information for residents and other interested parties. The District is locally accountable through adherence to applicable government code sections, open and accessible meetings, and dissemination of information.

This resolution was adopted on March 16, 2005.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

Date

Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission

Copies:

Conejo Recreation and Park District
Ventura County Auditor-Controller
Ventura County Chief Executive Officer
Ventura County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION DETERMINING THAT THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR VENTURA COUNTY
SERVICE AREA NO. 33 IS EXEMPT FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND
APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW,
INCLUDING STATEMENTS OF DETERMINATION FOR
VENTURA COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 33**

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code §56000 et seq.) requires each Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to conduct municipal service reviews prior to or in conjunction with Sphere of Influence studies and updates; and

WHEREAS, LAFCOs are also required to review and update, as necessary, the Sphere of Influence for all agencies not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO has approved and periodically updated a three-phase work plan to conduct municipal service reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates and the municipal service review of Ventura County Service Area No. 33 is a part of phase 2 of this work plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO entered into a professional services agreement with Joyce Crosthwaite to conduct municipal service reviews for all special districts included in phase 2 of the work plan; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Crosthwaite, in conjunction with the Ventura LAFCO staff and the staff of Ventura County Service Area No. 33, has prepared a report titled "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" that includes Ventura County Service Area No. 33; and

WHEREAS, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report contains draft statements of determinations as required by California Government Code §56430 for Ventura County Service Area No. 33; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer gave notice of a public hearing by the Commission to consider the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the statements of determinations necessary to comply with California Government Code §56430 for Ventura County Service Area No. 33; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer has recommended that the municipal service review of Ventura County Service Area No. 33 be determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the municipal service review of Ventura County Service Area No. 33 and the related recommended statements of determination were duly considered on March 16, 2005, as specified in the notice of hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the recommended exemption from CEQA, the municipal service review and the written determinations for Ventura County Service Area No. 33 including, but not limited to, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the Executive Officer's report and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

- (1) The service review of Ventura County Service Area No. 33 as contained in the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report, together with the related statements of determination, are determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (2) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as the lead agency under Section 15062.
- (3) The Commission accepts the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report as presented to the Commission on March 16, 2005. The Executive Officer is authorized to make minor corrections and additions to this report for accuracy and completeness.
- (4) The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendation for approval of the municipal service review of Ventura County Service Area No. 33, dated March 16, 2005, are hereby adopted.
- (5) Pursuant to California Government Code §56430 the following statements of determination are hereby adopted for Ventura County Service Area No. 33:
 - **Infrastructure needs or deficiencies**
 1. County Service Area No. 33 has no facilities and is not currently providing services.
 - **Growth and population projections for the affected area**
 1. The growth and population within County Service Area No. 33 is based on the population projections of the County's General Plan, VCOG and SCAG.

- **Financing constraints and opportunities**
 1. County Service Area No. 33 has not received any revenue or incurred expenses since 1995. No financial reports have been prepared since that time.
- **Cost avoidance opportunities**
 1. County Service Area No. 33 is non-functional and has no cost avoidance opportunities.
- **Opportunities for rate restructuring**
 1. County Service Area No. 33 does not charge any fees or service charges.
- **Opportunities for shared facilities**
 1. County Service Area No. 33 is non-functional and has no opportunities to share facilities.
- **Government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of the consolidation or reorganization of service providers**
 1. County Service Area No. 33 is non-functional, does not provide any services and does not receive any revenue. The County's General Services Agency does not plan to use the functions or structure of this dependent special district in the future for the provision of recreation and park services in unincorporated areas. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors should initiate the dissolution of County Service Area No. 33 or LAFCO should consider taking unilateral action to initiate the dissolution of this District.
- **Evaluation of management efficiencies**
 1. County Service Area No. 33 is non-functional and there are no current management requirements.
- **Local accountability and governance**
 1. County Service Area No. 33 is governed by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. The Board is locally accountable through adherence to applicable government code sections, open and accessible meetings, and dissemination of information and encouragement of participation in their process.

This resolution was adopted on March 16, 2005.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

Date

Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission

Copies:

Conejo Recreation and Park District
Ventura County Auditor-Controller
Ventura County Chief Executive Officer
Ventura County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION DETERMINING THAT THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR PLEASANT VALLEY
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT IS EXEMPT FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND
APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW,
INCLUDING STATEMENTS OF DETERMINATION FOR
PLEASANT VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code §56000 et seq.) requires each Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to conduct municipal service reviews prior to or in conjunction with Sphere of Influence studies and updates; and

WHEREAS, LAFCOs are also required to review and update, as necessary, the Sphere of Influence for all agencies not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO has approved and periodically updated a three-phase work plan to conduct municipal service reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates and the municipal service review of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District is a part of phase 2 of this work plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO entered into a professional services agreement with Joyce Crosthwaite to conduct municipal service reviews for all special districts included in phase 2 of the work plan; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Crosthwaite, in conjunction with the Ventura LAFCO staff and the staff of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District, has prepared a report titled "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" that includes the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report contains draft statements of determinations as required by California Government Code §56430 for the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer gave notice of a public hearing by the Commission to consider the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the statements of determinations necessary to comply with California Government Code §56430 for the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer has recommended that the municipal service review of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District be determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the municipal service review of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District and the related recommended statements of determination were duly considered on March 16, 2005, as specified in the notice of hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the recommended exemption from CEQA, the municipal service review and the written determinations for the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District including, but not limited to, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the Executive Officer's report and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

- (1) The service review of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District as contained in the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report, together with the related statements of determination, are determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (2) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as the lead agency under Section 15062.
- (3) The Commission accepts the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report as presented to the Commission on March 16, 2005. The Executive Officer is authorized to make minor corrections and additions to this report for accuracy and completeness.
- (4) The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendation for approval of the municipal service review of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District, dated March 16, 2005, are hereby adopted.
- (5) Pursuant to California Government Code §56430 the following statements of determination are hereby adopted for the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District:
 - **Infrastructure needs or deficiencies**
 1. The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District assesses its current and future infrastructure needs and deficiencies for its recreational services through its Master Plan, its budget and its annual Capital Improvement Program process.
 - **Growth and population projections for the affected area**
 1. The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District relies on the population projections of the City of Camarillo, VCOG and SCAG.

- **Financing constraints and opportunities**
 1. The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District prepares a comprehensive annual budget. The District's revenue sources are primarily comprised of property taxes and special assessments as allowed by Proposition 218.
 2. The impact of a reduction in property taxes will affect the agency and could result in a reduction of services; however, reserves are adequate and the agency could request additional assessments from residents.
- **Cost avoidance opportunities**
 1. The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District uses contractors and outside vendors for services when determined to be cost effective.
- **Opportunities for rate restructuring**
 1. The rates and fees of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District are set through a public process; residents have approved special assessments for the purposes of providing higher levels of park and recreational services.
- **Opportunities for shared facilities**
 1. The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District has agreements with other public and private agencies to ensure the maximum use of facilities.
- **Government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of the consolidation or reorganization of service providers**
 1. The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District has considered reorganizations with other Recreation and Park Districts. The benefits from the reorganizations were not considered to outweigh the costs and no reorganizations were initiated.
- **Evaluation of management efficiencies**
 1. The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District uses outside vendors and contracting agencies to provide more efficient services; it increases management efficiencies through numerous arrangements with other agencies.
- **Local accountability and governance**
 1. The Board members of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District are elected and hold regularly scheduled meetings. The District has a website and posts appropriate information on it for their customers. The District is locally accountable through adherence to applicable government

code sections, open and accessible meetings, and dissemination of information.

This resolution was adopted on March 16, 2005.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

Date

Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission

Copies:

Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
Ventura County Auditor-Controller
Ventura County Chief Executive Officer
Ventura County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION DETERMINING THAT THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR RANCHO SIMI
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT IS EXEMPT FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND
APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW,
INCLUDING STATEMENTS OF DETERMINATION FOR
RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code §56000 et seq.) requires each Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to conduct municipal service reviews prior to or in conjunction with Sphere of Influence studies and updates; and

WHEREAS, LAFCOs are also required to review and update, as necessary, the Sphere of Influence for all agencies not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO has approved and periodically updated a three-phase work plan to conduct municipal service reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates and the municipal service review of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is a part of phase 2 of this work plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO entered into a professional services agreement with Joyce Crosthwaite to conduct municipal service reviews for all special districts included in phase 2 of the work plan; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Crosthwaite, in conjunction with the Ventura LAFCO staff and the staff of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, has prepared a report titled "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" that includes the Rancho Simi Recreation and park District; and

WHEREAS, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report contains draft statements of determinations as required by California Government Code §56430 for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer gave notice of a public hearing by the Commission to consider the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the statements of determinations necessary to comply with California Government Code §56430 for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer has recommended that the municipal service review of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District be determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the municipal service review of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District and the related recommended statements of determination were duly considered on March 16, 2005, as specified in the notice of hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the recommended exemption from CEQA, the municipal service review and the written determinations for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District including, but not limited to, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the Executive Officer's report and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

- (1) The service review of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District as contained in the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report, together with the related statements of determination, are determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (2) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as the lead agency under Section 15062.
- (3) The Commission accepts the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report as presented to the Commission on March 16, 2005. The Executive Officer is authorized to make minor corrections and additions to this report for accuracy and completeness.
- (4) The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendation for approval of the municipal service review of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, dated March 16, 2005, are hereby adopted.
- (5) Pursuant to California Government Code §56430 the following statements of determination are hereby adopted for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District:
 - **Infrastructure needs or deficiencies**
 1. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District assesses its current and future infrastructure needs and deficiencies for its recreational services through its Master Plan (adopted in 1986), its budget and its annual Capital Improvement Program process.
 - **Growth and population projections for the affected area**
 1. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District relies on the population projections of the City of Simi Valley and other regional agencies.

- **Financing constraints and opportunities**
 1. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District prepares a comprehensive annual budget. The District's revenue sources are primarily comprised of property taxes and service charges with some revenue from special assessments as allowed by Proposition 218.
 2. The impact of a reduction in property taxes will affect the agency and could result in a reduction of services; however, reserves are adequate and the agency could request additional assessments from residents.
- **Cost avoidance opportunities**
 1. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District began a process in August 2003 as part of its ongoing efforts to reduce costs and has saved approximately \$1.2 million to-date through acting on direct cost avoidance opportunities.
- **Opportunities for rate restructuring**
 1. The rates and fees of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District are set through a public process; residents have approved special assessments for the purposes of providing higher levels of park and recreational services.
- **Opportunities for shared facilities**
 1. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has agreements with other public and private agencies to ensure the maximum use of facilities.
- **Government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of the consolidation or reorganization of service providers**
 1. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has considered reorganizations with other Recreation and Park Districts. The benefits from the reorganizations were not considered to outweigh the costs and no reorganizations were initiated.
- **Evaluation of management efficiencies**
 1. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District uses internal monitoring and evaluation to ensure maximum management efficiency.
- **Local accountability and governance**
 1. The Board members of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District are elected and hold regularly scheduled meetings. The District has a website and posts appropriate information for residents and users. The District is locally accountable through adherence to applicable government code sections, open and accessible meetings, and dissemination of information.

This resolution was adopted on March 16, 2005.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

Date

Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission

Copies:

Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

Ventura County Auditor-Controller

Ventura County Chief Executive Officer

Ventura County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION DETERMINING THAT THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR THE RECREATION
AND PARK SERVICES FOR UNITED WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS EXEMPT FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND
APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW,
INCLUDING STATEMENTS OF DETERMINATION FOR
THE RECREATION AND PARK SERVICES PROVIDED BY
UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code §56000 et seq.) requires each Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to conduct municipal service reviews prior to or in conjunction with Sphere of Influence studies and updates; and

WHEREAS, LAFCOs are also required to review and update, as necessary, the Sphere of Influence for all agencies not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO has approved and periodically updated a three-phase work plan to conduct municipal service reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates and the municipal service review of the recreation and park services provided by United Water Conservation District is a part of phase 2 of this work plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO entered into a professional services agreement with Joyce Crosthwaite to conduct municipal service reviews for all special districts included in phase 2 of the work plan; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Crosthwaite, in conjunction with the Ventura LAFCO staff and the staff of United Water Conservation District, has prepared a report titled "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" that includes the recreation and park services provided by United Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report contains draft statements of determinations as required by California Government Code §56430 for the recreation and park services provided by United Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer gave notice of a public hearing by the Commission to consider the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the statements of determinations necessary to comply with California Government Code §56430 for the recreation and park services provided by United Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura LAFCO Executive Officer has recommended that the municipal service review of the recreation and park services provided by United Water

Conservation District be determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the municipal service review of the recreation and park services provided by United Water Conservation District and the related recommended statements of determination were duly considered on March 16, 2005, as specified in the notice of hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the recommended exemption from CEQA, the municipal service review and the written determinations for the recreation and park services provided by United Water Conservation District including, but not limited to, the "Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts" report and the Executive Officer's report and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

- (1) The service review of the recreation and park services provided by United Water Conservation District as contained in the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report, together with the related statements of determination, are determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (2) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as the lead agency under Section 15062.
- (3) The Commission accepts the Municipal Service Review – Recreation and Park Services; Special Districts report as presented to the Commission on March 16, 2005. The Executive Officer is authorized to make minor corrections and additions to this report for accuracy and completeness.
- (4) The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendation for approval of the municipal service review of the recreation and park services provided by United Water Conservation District, dated March 16, 2005, are hereby adopted.
- (5) Pursuant to California Government Code §56430 the following statements of determination are hereby adopted for the recreation and park services provided by United Water Conservation District:
 - **Infrastructure needs or deficiencies**
 1. The United Water Conservation District has a draft Master Plan prepared in 1997 that addresses anticipated recreational facility needs at Lake Piru.

- **Growth and population projections for the affected area**
 1. The United Water Conservation District bases growth and population projections on SCAG, VCOG, Ventura County and municipal population projections and reports.
 2. Population projections for the recreation and park services provided by the District are not relevant; the District bases the need for services on usage of current facilities.
- **Financing constraints and opportunities**
 1. The United Water Conservation District adjusts recreational fees annually to ensure that recreational programs are self-supporting.
- **Cost avoidance opportunities**
 1. The United Water Conservation District uses outside vendors and contractors for services when shown to be cost effective.
- **Opportunities for rate restructuring**
 1. The rates and fees of the United Water Conservation District are set through a public process.
- **Opportunities for shared facilities**
 1. The United Water Conservation District currently participates in numerous common facilities and services with other agencies.
- **Government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of the consolidation or reorganization of service providers**
 1. The government structure options for the United Water Conservation District recreational services are limited.
- **Evaluation of management efficiencies**
 1. The United Water Conservation District uses outside vendors and contracting agencies to provide more efficient services; it increases management efficiencies through numerous arrangements with other agencies.
 2. The District is achieving management efficiencies related to recreation services through the Recreation Committee that is responsible for revenue, expenditures and capital needs of the Lake Piru Recreation Area.

- **Local accountability and governance**
 1. The United Water Conservation District Board is locally accountable through adherence to applicable government code sections, open and accessible meetings, and dissemination of information and encouragement of participation in their process.
 2. The United Water Conservation District holds regularly scheduled meetings at a time and place that encourages public participation.

This resolution was adopted on March 16, 2005.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

Date

Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission

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Ventura County Auditor-Controller
Ventura County chief Executive Officer
Ventura County Board of Supervisors